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The Hon. Rosa L. DeLauro Chairwoman House Committee on Appropriations H-307, the Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515

The Hon. Kay Granger Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

As you draft fiscal year 2023 appropriations legislation, I write to request consideration of the following Community Project Funding request submitted to my office:

• Our Lives Media – Dick Wagner Memorial Grant: WI's First-In-The-Nation Gay Rights Law (1982) Book and Archive

o **Amount:** \$250,000

o **Recipient:** Our Lives Media

o **Address:** 4 Sherman Terrace, Unit 1

Madison, WI 53704

o **Purpose:** To research, compile, and archive all relevant documents that

pertain to, and tell the story of, the nation's first gay rights law which was passed in Wisconsin in 1982 (AB 70). A publicly accessible website hosting all relevant materials, and a book containing all such materials, will be published. This project will increase the public's access to, and understanding of, American history, assist future researchers, and support efforts that reinforce

the universal truth that "all men are created equal."

I thank you for your full and fair consideration of this request. I certify neither I, nor my immediate family, have any financial interest in this Community Project Funding request, and I have made it publicly available on my website at the following address: https://pocan.house.gov/community-and-member-designated-project-requests. Please do not hesitate to contact me anytime with any questions or concerns, and your staff may contact David Bagby of my staff at (202) 225-2906 or david.bagby@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,

Mark Pocan Member of Congress